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**THE golden current has set in from the
other shore. The tide has turned.**

Judge Cox might call the attention of the grand jury to the caving in of the United States hotel. The fact is that he is a part owner of the death trap should not deter him from taking this action.

Titus dispatches state that the state election in Alabama passed off quietly, as there was no opposition to the regular democratic ticket. After the bourbons have kukluked republicans until they have made the negroes, who constitute a majority of the republican party, in south, afraid to vote lest they should lose their lives, they can talk of a "quiet" election.

The district attorney should direct the attention of the grand jury to the United States hotel disaster without delay. Somebody is responsible for the death of two human beings, and the responsibility should be fixed. He need not wait to be "officially informed" of the killing. This is not a swindling bank failure. Criminal carelessness has resulted in the sacrifice of innocent lives.

The Richmond *Whig*, the ablest champion of republicanism in the south, prospers so well that it is able to appear in a handsome new dress. The success of the *Whig* means great deal in Virginia. It has to contend with political prejudices and habits of thought upon which the strongest argument and the keenest ridicule make but little impression; but the *Whig* is nevertheless winning its way, and in the new Virginia which it is helping to create it will have a great career.

ONE ANSWER—ANOTHER WANTED.

We publish elsewhere a letter from Harper & Brothers in answer to our inquiry as to whether they sought to injure us by publishing the name of Mr. Blaine's book, and whether their offer was declined.

After such an enthusiastic endorsement of Mr. Blaine it is most singular that the great journal which the Harper's control should be caricaturing him, and trying to degrade him in the eyes of his countrymen. The firm denies that "partisan spite" is the motive, but if it is not must be some other motive equally mean. The weight of evidence is overwhelmingly against the book publishing firm of political perfidy.

It is now fighting to the finish to try to get another letter from Mr. Blaine.

POSTMASTER GENERAL GRESHAM returned to the office yesterday from his vacation.

SPEECH AND Mrs. John A. Logan passed through Philadelphia yesterday on their way to West Point to visit their son.

Dr. P. M. W. has been appointed superintendent of the Willard (New York) insane asylum in place of Dr. Chapman, who has resigned.

GEN. W. T. SHERMAN, with Miss Rachel Sherman and Master Tuncumb, have gone back to Lake Minnetonka to remain until next week.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY TIGHE, who has been called to the bar, has written to try to get another letter from Mr. Blaine.

COLONEL JAMES H. TERRY, with his sister, Miss H. Terry, and Mrs. Hughes, the wife of Col. Hughes, of his staff, are at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., for a few weeks.

EX-SENATOR WILLIAM WINDOM, formerly secretary of the treasury, passed through Birmingham, Ark., last Thursday on his way to the Yellowstone National park.

MR. JAMES A. MARCHANT, one of Washington's most popular young actors, leaves for New York this morning to accept an engagement with a theatrical company.

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